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The response includes this paragraph:

“After careful consideration of comments received in response to the *Federal Register* notice and during numerous public meetings and two public hearings in Alaska. EPA Administrator Pruitt announced on January 26th his decision to suspend the Agency's process to withdraw proposed Clean Water Act restrictions, leaving them in place while we solicit more information on the potential mine's impact (as laid out in their December 2017 permit application) on the region's world-class fisheries and natural resources. This decision neither deters nor derails the application process of Pebble Limited Partnership's proposed project. The project proponents continue to enjoy the protection of due process and the right to proceed. However, their permit application must clear a high bar, because EPA believes the risk to the Bristol Bay watershed and its critical resources may prove to be unacceptable. EPA intends to solicit additional public comment on the impact of the mining application on the existing proposed determination to better inform the permit review.”

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